WASHINGTON, D.C. – Earlier this week, Congressman André Carson joined the U.S. House of Representatives Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, and Transgender (LBGT) Equality Caucus. The mission of the LGBT Equality Caucus is to achieve the extension of equal rights, the repeal of discriminatory laws, the elimination of hate-motivated violence, and the improved health and well being for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

"It is indeed an honor and great privilege for me to serve as a member of the LGBT Equality Caucus," said Congressman André Carson. "Working to ensure that no American is discriminated against because of their sexual orientation or gender is something that I take very seriously in my role as an elected official."

The LGBT Equality Caucus was co-founded by Wisconsin Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank. The Caucus will serve as a resource for Members of Congress, their staffs, and the public on LGBT issues. Congressional action this session on legislation combating hate crimes and employment discrimination highlighted the need, and the desire people had, for more information on LGBT issues.

"I welcome Andre Carson's participation in this caucus, and I appreciate his commitment to achieving equality for all Americans," said Rep. Barney Frank.

The Caucus will address not only U.S. domestic policies but also our nation's foreign policy to safeguard the human rights of LGBT people in all parts of the world.

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